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2022 Thomas Mann Fellowship Recipients

The Thomas Mann House Advisory Board selected the following six fellows for a 2022 residency at the former home of Thomas Mann in Los Angeles: Archaeologist **Sunhild Kleingärtner**, Librarian and Historian **Ulrich Johannes Schneider**, Architect **Rosario Talevi**, Literary and Cultural scholar **Swenja Zaremba**, and Innovation researcher **Rubina Zern-Breuer**.

The Thomas Mann House is a space for debate on the most pressing questions of our time. For 2022, "Restoring Public Trust" and "Imagining Equality in Diversity" have been announced as annual themes. During their three- to four-month stays, the 2022 Thomas Mann Fellows will address the following topics:

- Sunhild Kleingärtner explores in a transatlantic dialogue how social trust in the institution of the museum can be strengthened for the future and thus also its role for a resilient society.
- Ulrich Johannes Schneider, as part of a project of a global library history of modernity, investigates how one can define the function and role of libraries in society from their internationally different uses.
- Rosario Talevi explores the public urban infrastructures of Los Angeles as sites of possible transformation, with a particular focus on those places where Ethics of Care can be practiced.
- Swenja Zaremba and Rubina Zern-Breuer would like to show in a case study the transformative potential the method of community organizing can have for German public administration as well as for civil society networks and what the method possibly can contribute to local democracy.

The members of the independent advisory board are **Prof. Dr. Helmut Anheier** (Professor of Sociology at the Hertie School of Governance, member of the U.S. Advisory Board of the TMH), **Christiane Benner** (Second Chairwoman of IG Metall), **Dr. Carolin Emcke** (Author), **Dr. Cathleen Fisher** (President of the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation), **Christian Hänel** (Head of Future Issues and Foundation Development at the Robert Bosch Stiftung), **Lorena Jaime-Palasi** (Founder of The Ethical Tech Society), **Prof. Dr. Peter Jelavich** (Professor of History at Johns Hopkins University), **Dr. Thomas Kempf** (Member of the Board of the Alfred Krupp von Bohlen und Halbach Foundation), **Janina Kugel** (Senior Advisor Boston Consulting Group), **Prof. Dr. Ulrich Raulff** (President of the IfA – Institut für Auslandsbeziehungen), **Alex Ross** (Journalist at the New Yorker, Member of the U.S. Advisory Board of TMH).

The Thomas Mann House was bought by the German government in June of 2016 and inaugurated by German Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier in 2018. The Thomas Mann House is a residence



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for distinguished researchers, thinkers, and intellectuals from a variety of disciplines, who will tackle the challenges of our times, and foster intellectual and cultural exchange between Germany and the U.S.

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Villa Aurora & Thomas Mann House, an independent and politically unaffiliated organization of the Federal Republic of Germany, fosters the intellectual and cultural exchange between the United States and Germany.

The institution awards fellowships in the two residences, Villa Aurora and Thomas Mann House, in Pacific Palisades, a suburb of Los Angeles, CA., and organizes cultural programs in the U.S. and Germany. It is a reminder of the history of the European exile to California, while presenting a lively, current, and diverse image of Germany, and allowing contemplation of societal, cultural, and political challenges.

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